

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to Elms class and reassure you that the children have settled back into school routines seamlessly and have come back with a thirst for learning. At the moment they are still tired in the afternoons so work is being set accordingly to make sure they maximise their potentials. As you are aware we are doing PE twice a week and we do a daily run, with colder weather approaching the children may need to come to school in tracksuits/ leggings on their PE days and should have several layers as these lessons will be undertaken outside whenever possible even in inclement weather.

If you have any concerns or queries one of us will be at the gate every morning to help you, please feel free to speak to us but keep in mind social distancing guidelines. Our main aim is that children are happy at school and if they are worried about anything then please let us know.

Our theme until Christmas is 'the Romans' and we are finding out about who they were and the impact they had on our country. In English, we are learning how to paint a vivid picture in the readers mind so we are learning how to use descriptive phrases and paragraphs. Within Maths, we are focusing on place value; counting on/ back in steps along with addition and subtraction. In Science, we are learning about animals including humans and their differing needs. All of our learning is age appropriate and where we need to; we will obviously take a step back and recap previous year's knowledge to ensure firm building blocks are made.

As you are aware with the current pandemic, we are trying to reduce the amount of 'stuff' going between school and home to reduce contact points. With this in mind, we have been thinking creatively about homework as we would like the children to practise skills at home but can't have the usual books going back and forth.

In Elms class, we would like the children to keep up the excellent start they have made already this term with their reading at home and aim for a minimum of ten minutes per day.

Due to lockdown, we are revising the phonics that would have been covered previously and the children can still access bug club and read the books/ play the games that are on the site. We have put their logins in the front of their reading record books for your information.

We will also be setting tasks to complete over the term on Education City – this is a learning platform full of games and activities to help support learning. Again, the login details for your child are at the front of their reading record books.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Team Elms